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Corps of Engineers seeks public comment on environmental document for pool raise at Waco Lake

The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is currently accepting comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA), a National Environmental Policy Act document, for the alternatives pertaining to raising the conservation pool at Waco Lake from 455 feet mean sea level to 462 feet msl.

Water supply studies have indicated that a pool raise at Waco Lake should be implemented to address projected water supply shortages in the communities of Hewitt, Woodway, Robinson, Bellmead and Waco due to predicted rapid population growth. The pool raise would reallocate 47,500 acre feet of flood control storage to water supply storage. This alternative was found to provide a reasonable amount of additional dependable water supply to the Waco area, and was determined to be more economically feasible and least detrimental to the environment than other alternatives considered.

Written comments on the EA will be accepted through June 16, 2000 by sending them directly to Mr. Mike Falcone, CESWF-EV-EE, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-0300, or by e-mail at Michael.W.Falcone@swf.usace.army.mil.

Copies of the EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact are available for review at the Project Office at Waco Lake, 7921 Steinbeck Bend Road, Waco, Texas, in the Environmental Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 819 Taylor Street in downtown Fort Worth, or may be viewed at www.swf.usace.army.mil under *Draft Studies for Public Comment*.